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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001 (Paper No. 12) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (2 months) to and including February 25, 2002 (February 24, 2002 being a Sunday). Further, A Petition for Suspension of Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a) accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows, including the changes shown in the attached mark-up version.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A photo and thermally labile siloxane polymer which undergoes transformation to SiO₂-rich films by the elimination of β -substituted alkyl groups, obtained from

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